

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were submitted for examination. In this Office Action, Claims 1-10 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No.: 2002/0118798 by Langhart (hereinafter "Langhart") and Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langhart.

The Examiner is thanked for her thoughtful review of the pending application and amendments in the response filed June 13, 2003. Further the Examiner is appreciated for granting an interview to the undersigned on July 15, 2004.

After the interview, the Inventors studied the cited reference US 2002/0118798 by Langhart (hereinafter "Langhart") and noticed that the record of invention they have kept predates the filing date of Langhart. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits an Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131. The Affidavit states that the invention of the subject matter of the pending Claims 1-15 is prior to the effective date of the newly cited reference.

The Applicants submit that Langhart is not qualified as a reference to reject claims 1-15 under and respectfully ask the Examiner to withdraw the finality of the Office Action in view of the Affidavit.

If there are any issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408)777-8873.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231", on July 19, 2004.

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